

COMMANDER DONNA J. FOURNIER, USN RETIRED, BA, MAT

Donna J. Fournier received her BA in American History and an MAT in American Studies from Northeastern Illinois University. In 2002, she graduated from the Command and Staff College of the Naval War College, Newport, RI.

Because of the specialization and articles on the history of women in the military, from 1989-1991, Donna became a Special Consultant to Pentagon Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, for Manpower, Military, and Equal Opportunity in Washington D.C.. Offsite she researched, wrote, and edited a history, Women Serving the Military in America's Defense.

Donna served 26 years in the US Naval Reserve Intelligence units at NAS Glenview and Great Lakes, Illinois. As a Petty Officer second class (IS2) she was a photo interpreter for the Atlantic Intelligence Command. In 1981, she received a direct commission to O-2, Lieutenant Junior Grade.

Throughout the 1990's, Commander Fournier was a leader in the movement to expand combat roles for women. As a regional representative for the Vietnam Women's Memorial and the Military Women's Memorial in Arlington Cemetery, she appeared on television talk shows and CNN. Commander Fournier also raised funds to add a bas-relief to recognized women's service at the Navy Memorial in Washington.

As founder and chair of Illinois Council of Women Veterans, and chair of the National Navy Women's Convention, she was asked to testify in front of the 1992, Bush Presidential Commission on the Status of Women in the Military.

Commander Fournier has been researching the service of military women for over forty years and has been an educator for 47. Her academic career includes numerous history positions. Dean of Cadets and co-founder of Rickover Naval Academy in Chicago. Donna has been an adjunct history professor for Columbia College, Missouri, for over a decade where she developed and taught courses including "Women in American History" Currently, Professor Fournier teaches on line program for a Master of Arts in Military Psychology for Adler University.

Donna has lived in Manatee County in Manatee County since 2002. And is the president of both the Women of Manatee County Republican Club and the newly formed "Women Veterans of the Sun Coast".

A 2024 President of the Women Veterans of the Suncoast, she is growing it and has represented the organization at many events and an all Women Veterans display at the Library in Lakewood Ranch. She is qualified to be 2024 M.C. Veteran of the Year.

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